GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

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POWER TARGET
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have been revising the achievement of power target during the Ninth Plan;

(b) if so, the main reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the last revision has targeted the figure 20,891.57 MW against the original target of 40,245.2 MW;

(d) if so, whether there is any likely down scaling of power target during the future review; and

(e) if so, the main reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SURESH P. PRABHU)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 462 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 19.4.2001 REGARDING POWER TARGET.

(a) to (c) : A capacity addition target of 40,245.2 MW was initially fixed for the 9th Plan. A mid term review of capacity addition for the 9th Plan carried out in July, 1999, indicated that a capacity addition of 28,097.2 MW would be feasible. The latest review of capacity addition target for the 9th Plan, carried out in January 2001, indicated that a capacity addition of 20,891.6 MW only was likely. The main reasons for shortfall are :

(i) Delayed financial closure of private sector projects due to non-availability of escrow.

(ii) Delay in land acquisition.

(iii) Resettlement and Rehabilitation problems.

(iv) Law and Order problems.

(v) Contractual problems.

(vi) Natural calamity.

(d) & (e) : The Government is making all possible efforts to ensure that there are no further slippages in capacity addition during the 9th Plan. Some of the measures which have been taken to ensure this are as follows :-

? Periodic review by Empowered Committee chaired by Secretary Power.

? Ensure full funding of ongoing hydro projects.

? Setting up of Task Force to monitor ongoing hydro and thermal power projects.

? Constitution of the Crisis Resolution Group chaired by Minister of Power for solving the `last mile` problems of private sector projects.

? Evolving an alternative payment security mechanism in view of the low escrow ability of SEBs to help achieve financial closure.